



Proclamation

FROM

SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY, IN KEEPING WITH ITS TIME-HONORED TRADITIONS, TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH FOSTER ETHNIC PRIDE AND ENHANCE THE PROFILE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY WHICH STRENGTHENS THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITIES OF NEW YORK STATE; AND

WHEREAS, ATTENDANT TO SUCH CONCERN, AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH ITS LONG-STANDING TRADITIONS, THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY IS JUSTLY PROUD TO COMMEND THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. (IHCC) UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 45TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE CELEBRATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH; AND

WHEREAS, THE IHCC OF NEW YORK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS COMPRISED OF A VOLUNTEER GROUP OF LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN AND ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, FOUNDED IN 1976, WITH THE MISSION OF PROMOTING, PRESENTING AND PRESERVING ITALIAN AND ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURE IN THE TRI-STATE AREA; AND

WHEREAS, FIRST OBSERVED IN 1989, ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH IS CELEBRATED EACH OCTOBER BY PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ARTS, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR'S THEME, "DANTE 700! CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF DANTE; THE GREAT POET WHO UNIFIED ITALY THROUGH LANGUAGE WILL BE EXPLORED THROUGH A MYRIAD OF EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH TO CELEBRATE AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT ITALIAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE; AND WHEREAS, DANTE WAS THE FIRST TO USE THE FLORENTINE VERNACULAR IN A MAJOR LITERARY WORK, RATHER THAN LATIN, WHICH HAD BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO ONLY THE WELL-EDUCATED, SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR LATER ITALIAN WRITERS SUCH AS BOCCACCIO AND TASSO; AND

WHEREAS, THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE WORLD, WHICH ENABLED A WIDER AUDIENCE AMONG THE POPULOUS, AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, ESTABLISHED DANTE'S ITALIAN AS THE ACCEPTED NATIONAL LANGUAGE, UNIFYING THE PEOPLE OF ITALY ACROSS DIVERSE REGIONS AND DIALECTS; AND

WHEREAS, HIS "DIVINA COMMEDIA" WITH DANTE'S JOURNEY THROUGH INFERNO, PURGATORIO, AND PARADISO, GUIDED FIRST BY VIRGIL, THE ANCIENT ROMAN POEM, AND THEN BY BEATRICE, HIS IDEALIZED LOVE, TAKES THE READER THROUGH HIS EPIC PHILOSOPHICAL POEM, CONSIDERED TO BE THE GREATEST POEM OF ALL TIMES; AND WHEREAS, IT IS THE CUSTOM OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS AND COMMITTEES OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, THEY SHOULD BE CELEBRATED AND RECOGNIZED BY ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT EMPIRE STATE; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

PROCLAIMED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI COMMEND THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. UPON THE OCCASION OF HOSTING ITS 45TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE CELEBRATION; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION, SUITABLY ENGROSSED, BE TRANSMITTED TO JOSEPH SCIAME, PRESIDENT/CHAIR, ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC

7/20/2021

DATE



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